MR. S. NARAYANA AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*): The time and labour involved in collecting the information are out of proportion to its possible utility.

Mess Committee, Armed Reserve, Oolampara.

101. * MR. K. VARGHESE ITHAC (*Vaikom* cum *Kottayam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Inspector General of Police has received two petitions dated 9-7-1120 and 5-9-1120 respectively, from the Mess Committee, Armed Reserve, Oolampara;

(*b*) what was the particular matter for complaint;

(*c*) what steps the Inspector General of Police has taken to redress their grievance; and

(*d*) if he has not taken any steps, the reasons therefor?

MR. S. PARTHASARATHY AIYENGAR (*Inspector General of Police*):

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The excessive rates charged by the contractor for provisions supplied.

(*c*) The contractor was removed and ready cash purchase system was substituted.

(*d*) This does not arise in view to the answer to (*c*).

Punishment of Police Officers.

102. * MR. K. A. MOHAMED (*Quilon* cum *Kottarakara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of Constables (1) dismissed (2) suspended, (3) discharged;

(*b*) the number of Head Constables dismissed, degraded and suspended; and

(*c*) the number of Inspectors punished; since the present Inspector General of Police has taken charge of the department?

MR. S. PARTHASARATHY AIYENGAR:

Constables.

(*a*) (1) Dismissed 53
(2) Suspended 218
(3) Discharged 31

Head Constables.

(*b*) (1) Dismissed 5
(2) Degraded 17
(3) Suspended 5

Inspectors.

(*c*) Punished 42.

MR. K. VARGHESE ITHAC: May I know in view of the punishment meted out to a large number of personnel in the Police Department, are we not to take it that there is corruption in the Department?

MR. S. PARTHASARATHY AIYENGAR: It does not follow. It is not stated that the punishment given is all for corruption.

MR. K. VARGHESE ITHAC: May I know whether it is for inefficiency then?

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MR. S. PARTHASARATHY AIYENGAR : Not that either. Punishment was meted out for various departmental irregularities, slackness of work in general and various other defaults.

MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN : May I know whether these punishments were meted out after making due enquiries.

MR. S. PARTHASARATHY AIYENGAR : Yes.

MR. P. M. VARGHESE (*Meenachil* cum *Thodupuzha*) : May I know, how many have been punished?

MR. S. PARTHASARATHY AIYENGAR : Some have been punished.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI : May I know what the Inspector General proposes to do to prevent such irregularities in future?

MR. S. PARTHASARATHY AIYENGAR : Only by punishment.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI : My question is what will be his procedure in future?

MR. S. PARTHASARATHY AIYENGAR : By awarding punishment that is the only way.

Those officers have been advised and oftentimes instructed not to commit such irregularities.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI : May I know if this irregularity is continued by his officers what is his method to prevent them?

MR. S. PARTHASARATHY AIYENGAR : I have not been trained to do anything other than punishment when advice and instruction fail.

General transfer of the members of the Police Force.

103. *MR. K. A. MOHAMED : Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Inspector General of Police has ordered a general transfer of the members of the Force who are within fifteen miles of their native places or any place where their relatives are living?

MR. S. PARTHASARATHY AIYENGAR : No circular ordering a general transfer of such men has been issued. But on account of frequent complaints against members of the Forces who are natives, instructions were issued to the District Superintendents of Police to see that men are not posted in their native places and those that are serving in such stations are gradually moved out.

Police Lock-ups.

104. *MR. K. A. MOHAMED : Will the Government be pleased to state ;

(*a*) whether there were any escapes from the Police lock-ups in the State during the current year ;

(*b*) the names of the stations from where there were such escapes ; and

(*c*) the punishments meted out to those who were in charge of these stations?

MR. S. PARTHASARATHY AIYENGAR :

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) (1) Chirayinkil Hospital Lock-up.
(2) General Hospital Lock-up.
(3) Kottar station Lock-up.
(4) Thuckalai station Lock-up.
(5) Mavelikara Government Hospital Lock-up.

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